

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Provisional Election

The Office required provisional election to a single species for the coating agents. The applicant agrees in some respect and disagrees in others. Nevertheless, *the applicant provisionally elects phosphoric acid esters* (reaction products of an alcohol with a phosphoric acid) as single species. Such species is exemplified by the triphenylphosphate ester and the diphenylcresylphosphate ester in the present specification. Moreover, the elected species is sufficiently narrow and share a substantial structural feature (the phosphoric ester function).

In view of the present amendments and arguments, the applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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